

GREAT BEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 2, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Location – City Hall Council Chambers

The Council meeting will be livestreamed for public to view on our city council Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/gbcitycouncil/>.

AGENDA

Members present:

<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor Cody Schmidt	<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Cory Urban
<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Kevyn Soupiset	<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Lindsey Krom-Craven
<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Rickee Maddox	<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Tina Mingenback
<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Alan Moeder	<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Davis Jimenez
<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Jolene Biggs	<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney Allen Glendenning
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrator Logan Burns	<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk/Finance Director Shawna Schafer
<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Administrator VACANT	

OPENING: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Session held on November 4, 2024.
- b) **Claim's Warrant Register 12-2-24:** Covering 2024 bills to date.
- c) **Payroll Register P/R 11-29-24:** Covering payroll ending November 23, 2024, in the amount of \$356,092.73.
- d) **Appointments:** Mayor Schmidt will make appointments as appropriate.
- e) **Agenda:** Approval of agenda as submitted or amended.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The public is free to comment on items not listed on the agenda. Please address comments to the City Council as a body and be mindful of others who may wish to speak by abiding by the 3-minute limit. If a large group is present for the same topic, the mayor, in his discretion, may ask that you elect 1 spokesperson, and he could allow a longer time for that individual to speak.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Councilmember Reports:** Councilmembers will report on the boards and commissions that they serve on.

Recommendation: Informational item.

2. **Administrators Update:** City Administrator Logan Burns will present an update on what is happening within the City organization.

Recommendation: Informational item.

3. **Economic Development Report:** Economic Development Inc. President Sara Arnberger presented her monthly report.

Recommendation: Informational item.

4. **Abatements:** City Administrator Logan Burns will present abatements.

Recommendation: Take action on abatements.

5. **Ordinance Amending City Code Sections Pertaining to Pretreatment of Industrial Waste and Enforcement Response Plan:** Both State and Federal statutes and regulations require cities with wastewater treatment plants to have ordinances and an Enforcement Response Plan (ERP) to ensure compliance with the statutes, regulations and ordinances. Periodically, the requirements of the federal and state regulations and the EPA and KDHE require cities to amend their ordinances and ERP to align them with the new requirements. Public Works Director Jason Cauley, Pretreatment Coordinator April Batt and I have been working with the EPA and the KDHE over the past several months to put together changes to Great Bend's ordinances and ERP to align them with recent state and federal changes. The result of that effort has now been approved by the KDHE and the required notice has been published and we have been advised of no comments or objections from the public. City Attorney Allen Glendenning will report.

Recommendation: Motion to adopt Ordinance 4450, amending City Code pertaining to Pretreatment of Industrial Waste and Enforcement Response Plan. Motion to approve the Enforcement Response Plan.

6. **Shop with a Cop:** For multiple years, the Great Bend Police Department and the Great Bend Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #23 have engaged in community outreach at Christmas time, most notably through the Shop with a Cop program. Each year prior to this event, USD 428 is contacted and school staff provide the names and contact information for students whose families may be suffering hardships or financial difficulties. These children are then invited to

come to Walmart, and they are given a gift card, with which they can then select a gift or gifts. While they are doing this, they are escorted and assisted by Police Officers. The program aims to build positive relationships between our community's children and the police and to help children who might otherwise go without gifts during the holidays. While the children are the focus of the program, it is not uncommon to see acts of selflessness. Children will frequently buy gifts for their siblings or parents. The amount of money provided to each child is dependent upon the number of children recognized as being in need as well as the amount of money that is available. The primary source of funding for this program is through fundraising, which is conducted by FOP members. However, this is not the only outreach event that the FOP funds each year. Last year, the PD augmented the amount of funds utilized by donating from our asset forfeiture fund. I am respectfully requesting authority from the City Council to utilize \$4,000 of the funds that are currently in our Municipal Court Diversion funds to help subsidize this important program. Police Chief Steve Haulmark will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the police department to use \$4,000 from the municipal court diversion fund for the Shop with a Cop program.

7. **Primary Wet Well Pump:** We are coming to the council to request the purchase of a primary wet well pump. The primary wet well has 2 pumps that alternate in pumping sewage to the upper headworks. In July one of the pumps quit operating. We have been operating one pump since. Being a Flygt pump JCI was called to assess the pump for repair as they are the Flygt dealer. Rebuilding the pump from JCI would cost \$47,020. We asked for quotes for a new pump from 3 vendors JCI, Fluid Equipment, and FTC. FTC came in at the lowest cost at \$35,381. FTC warranty is 5 years with the first 3 years 100% and the last 2 at a prorated. Lead time for the pump will be 6 to 8 weeks. The pump that JCI has in their possession has no trade in value and will be scrapped. Public Works Director Jason Cauley will report.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the bid from FTC for a primary wet well pump for \$35,381.00.

8. **2025 Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal:** Carly Walker with Gallagher will present the 2025 Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal.

Recommendation: Motion to approve to the 2025 Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal as presented.

ADJOURNMENT